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Re: Application of Shuhei HARADA, Hisashi MIYAZAWA, Hitoshi HAYAKAWA, Atsushi KOBAYASHI, Hitotoshi KIMURA, Yoshiharu ARUGA
INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND CLEANING CONTROL METHOD FOR RECORDING HEAD INCORPORATED THEREIN
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q58793

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/545,834 (Confirmation No. 3167) filed on April 10, 2000 of Shuhei HARADA, Hisashi MIYAZAWA, Hitoshi HAYAKAWA, Atsushi KOBAYASHI, Hitotoshi KIMURA, Yoshiharu ARUGA entitled INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND CLEANING CONTROL METHOD FOR RECORDING HEAD INCORPORATED THEREIN.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on August 22, 2002 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P.Hei. 11-101764	April 8, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-171258	June 17, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-171259	June 17, 1999
Japan	P.Hei. 11-253506	September 7, 1999

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Japan	P.Hei. 11-294400	October 15, 1999
Japan	P.2000-67389	March 10, 2000

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/545,834.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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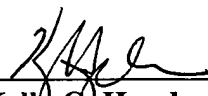
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1368.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/545,834. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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